



WESLEYAN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach's Corner

Spring 2008

Dear Alumnae, Players, Parents, and Friends of Wesleyan Women's Basketball:



Between the Lines

November 3, 2008 provided the opportunity for old and new Cardinals alike to meet on only our third day of practice. Homecoming/Family Weekend brought our current squad and many of their families, and our former players and some of their parents together. New to the weekend was our "Legacy of Success" Campaign to promote and enhance women's basketball at Wesleyan University, which included a post-football game reception at the Inn at Middletown. What a great start to what turned out to be a rewarding season! The Cardinals experienced early season success including beating NCAA bound Emmanuel College and built a solid 7-2 record heading into exams.

With a focus on in-region games, the team was back on the court right after Christmas in preparation for exciting second-semester action. Non-conference wins over Springfield College and Fitchburg State College provided strong tests in preparation for NESCAC competition. Our NESCAC season was off to a great start as we traveled to Maine and swept Colby and Bowdoin. The next four NESCAC weekends were a blur of game preparation, great competition, and team success!

Oh, what a difference a year makes! Last year's NESCAC tournament appearance emphasized the importance of hosting the first round of tournament play. With hard work and consistent play, the team earned the third seed in NESCAC and played host to Williams College. Beating Williams in the first round before a loud Silloway Gymnasium accomplished a goal set one year earlier. In the semi-final game of the NESCAC Championship, the team played perhaps its best basketball of the entire season, but could not sustain its effort against a bigger and deeper Tufts squad. Though the hoped-for NCAA at-large bid did not come our way, team and individual accomplishments, talented student-athletes, and a very close knit and hard working group made this season successful and satisfying. The team demonstrated determination and pride and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

Outside the Lines

The gymnasiums may all look different but the familiar faces that greeted us at each site brought a level of comfort and support that felt more valuable than any play in the playbook. From Boston, Mass. to Brunswick, Me. and finally back up to Amherst for post-season play, your extra efforts to attend our games brought a steady and consistent force to our game. (It meant so much to us when alumnae and their parents were able to come cheer us on!) I also passed along the many sentiments expressed in your email and phone messages. Success is so much more enjoyable when it can be shared and it has been a pleasure to have you all involved!

All my best!

Kate

BUILDING A LEGACY

- ◆ Seven straight NESCAC tournaments (2001-08)
- ◆ Three consecutive 20-plus win seasons (2002-05)
- ◆ 22-5 record, the winningest in team history (2004-05)
- ◆ Two consecutive NCAA tournament berths (2004-05, 2005-06) including a "Sweet Sixteen" appearance (2004-05)
- ◆ Eight consecutive winning seasons with a 141-58 (.708) cumulative record (2000-08)

SPECIAL THANKS

to Kathy Hennessey and
New Balance
for contributing women's
basketball shoes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

or to be added to the
Cardinal email list:

Email:

kmullen@weslevan.edu

Or go online to:

www.

[wesleyan.edu/athletics/
wbasketball](http://wesleyan.edu/athletics/wbasketball)



Alumnae Basketball Game, November 3rd, 2008

Front row: Tana Prosper '02, Shalene Bowman Thody '03, Amy Posocco '04, Nora Bowman '05, Meg Robinson '06.
Back row: Sarah Milburn '07, Kathy Keeler '78, Kamica Lewis '03, Ginny Hermann '07, Allyson Miller '02, Liz Walsh MacMillan '04, Whitney Ebbeson '02, Julie Kastenbaum '06, Hannah Stubbs '06.

2007-2008

Season Highlights

- ◆ Senior class graduates with a four-year win-loss record of 72-31 (.700).
- ◆ Ranked third in NESCAC behind Amherst and Tufts who were also ranked #1 and #2 in New England.
- ◆ NESCAC Semi-Finalist (fourth time in seven years).
- ◆ One of only three teams to beat Bowdoin on its home floor since 2001.
- ◆ Defeated Williams at home on consecutive weekends.



Keep the "LEGACY of SUCCESS" Going and Growing

Being a part of Wesleyan Women's Basketball goes beyond four years as a student-athlete. We want you to continue to be an important part of our program, and we want to continue the Cardinal Connection.

Sharing our success with current families, former players and their parents is the foundation of the program which strengthens the Legacy you have helped to create.

There are so many ways to be an Annual Giver:

Contribute to the Cardinal Traditions by coming back for Homecoming, Alumnae Games and Senior Day.
Offer to speak on our behalf with the parents of a recruit from your area.
Provide us with the name of a prospective student-athlete from your area high schools.
Show us your support by attending our game when we're in your neighborhood.
Make a financial donation towards the costs associated with recruiting on a national level, program promotion and extended team travel.
Invite us over for a pre- or post- game meal when we're on the road.
Wear your Wesleyan gear to a game with "Cardinal Pride".
Send along an email or message of support to the current group of Cardinals.

CONGRATULATIONS KATHY KEELER Class of 1978
Inducted into the Wesleyan University
ATHLETICS HALL of FAME May 23, 2008
* Varsity athlete in field hockey, basketball and crew * Went on to stroke the U.S. rowing squad to a gold medal in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles

For more information or to be added to the Cardinal email list:

Email: kmullen@wesleyan.edu or go online to:

www.wesleyan.edu/athletics/wbasketball

Wesleyan Women's Basketball: LEGACY OF SUCCESS

All donations are tax deductible. Please note that this gift does not count towards the unrestricted "Wesleyan Fund", but you will be counted as a participant in Wesleyan's current fundraising campaign. We hope you will also support the Wesleyan Fund each year. Thanks for all your support

Name _____ Year of graduation _____ Parent/Friend: (circle one)
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Please mail the form above to: Kate Mullen, Women's Basketball, 161 Cross Street, Middletown, CT 06459.

Make all checks payable to Wesleyan University, and put "Women's Basketball" in the memo.

To make your gift online go to: www.wesleyan.edu and click on "Give to Wesleyan". Be sure to include "Women's Basketball Team" in the Comment Area.



“COMINGS AND GOINGS”



NIKKI MALETTA * Durham, CT
(2008) 9.4 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 3 apg, 34% 3FG
Recorded 30.3 minutes per game
Led team in assists (72 total)



STEPH SAVAS * Brockton, MA
(2008) 6.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 44% FG, 72% FT
Recorded 6 games with 10+ points
NESCAC All-Sportsmanship Team



LUCY SPRUNG * Wilmington, VT
(2008) 15.2 ppg, 9 rpg, 48% FG, 24 blocks
Nine double-doubles
Naismith Classic at Springfield College all-tournament team
Second-team all-NESCAC

NESCAC Notables

ALI FOURNEY, Junior G/F, East Northport, NY

- * First-team all-NESCAC
- * Led conference in overall scoring, 16.4ppg
- * Ranked 1st in conference in steals, 2.62 per game
- * Ranked 5th in 3-point FG percentage, 38.9%
- * Recorded her 1,000th point vs. Trinity – Feb. 8, 2008 (2nd Wesleyan junior to reach this milestone)

LUCY SPRUNG, Senior F, Wilmington, VT

- * Second-team all-NESCAC
- * Ranked 6th in conference in overall scoring, 15.2ppg
- * Ranked 5th in rebounds, 9rpg, and 2nd in offensive rebounds, 4.19 per game

STEPH SAVAS, Senior G, Brockton, MA

- * NESCAC All-Sportsmanship Team
- The All-Sportsmanship Team recognizes student athletes who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to sportsmanship; student-athletes who exhibit respect for themselves, teammates, coaches, opponents, and spectators. They display sportsmanship not only as a participant in their sport but also as a spectator and in their everyday lives.

2008 JONES AWARD RECIPIENT

NIKKI MALETTA
For outstanding contributions
in Women's Basketball



2007-08 Season Results (17-9 Overall, 6-3 NESCAC)

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	High Scorer	High Rebounder
11/16	Kenyon #	54-64	L	Fourney – 19	Sprung – 9
11/17	Mount Holyoke #	73-37	W	Fourney – 17	Sprung – 6
11/27	at St. Joseph (CT)	65-43	W	Fourney – 17	Lively, Lowe – 7
11/29	WPI	57-55	W	Sprung – 11	Maletta – 5
12/1	@Mitchell	78-50	W	Fourney – 19	Sprung – 9
12/4	Coast Guard	56-70	L	Fourney – 21	Lowe – 9
12/6	Emmanuel	74-66	W	Fourney – 27	Sprung, Fourney – 9
12/11	R.I.C	68-50	W	Fourney – 24	Sprung – 15
12/29	Montclair State	75-70	W	Fourney – 25	Sprung – 17
1/3	Springfield ^	70-55	W	Sprung – 21	Sprung – 9
1/4	Bates ^	60-80	L	Sprung – 25	Sprung – 12
1/8	Salve Regina	62-44	W	Fourney – 14	Lowe – 13
1/12	Fitchburg State	88-64	W	Fourney – 19	Sprung, Lowe – 10
1/15	Amherst	71-76	L	Sprung – 16	Sprung, Fourney – 7
1/19	Connecticut Coll.*	76-66	W	Fourney – 21	Fourney – 8
1/22	@Williams	68-73	L	Sprung – 32	Sprung – 15
1/25	@Colby *	73-59	W	Fourney – 19	Sprung – 10
1/26	@Bowdoin *	62-49	W	Maletta – 15	Sprung – 11
2/1	Bates *	66-55	W	Sprung – 27	Fourney, Sprung – 8
2/2	Tufts *	52-66	L	Fourney – 19	Lowe – 10
2/8	@Trinity *	67-59	W	Sprung – 19	Lowe – 12
2/9	@Amherst *	53-70	L	Fourney – 17	Lowe – 7
2/15	Middlebury *	32-36	L	Sprung – 13	Sprung – 9
2/16	Williams *	65-47	W	Fourney – 23	Lowe, Sprung – 11
2/23	Williams \$	68-49	W	Sprung – 18	Sprung – 12
3/1	Tufts \$	50-67	L	Fourney – 13	Fourney – 6

Brandeis Tip-Off Tournament
^ Naismith Classic @ Springfield College
* NESCAC game
\$ NESCAC Tournament

NESCAC STANDINGS

2007-08 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	7-2	27-3
Tufts	7-2	26-4
Wesleyan	6-3	17-9
Bowdoin	6-3	19-9
Bates	5-4	15-10
Williams	5-4	16-9
Middlebury	4-5	13-12
Colby	2-7	9-16
Connecticut College	2-7	12-12
Trinity	1-8	10-13

***FRIENDS OF WESLEYAN
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL***

Freeman Athletic Center
161 Cross Street
Middletown, CT 06459

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2007-08 Wesleyan University Women's Basketball

**SAVE
THE
DATES!**

Saturday October 18, 2008

**Homecoming/Family Weekend
Information**

Football vs. Amherst 1:00pm

**Tailgate Reception,
approximately 2:30pm**

**Legacy of Success Reception,
approximately 4:30pm**

Saturday November 8, 2008

Alumnae Game, TBA

Alumnae Reception, TBA

